## A Man To **His Mate**

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Lestering on the San Francisco water from, John Hane, awayaper reporter, is accessed by a Mindman, a giant in size, who sakes Hane, to lead him to the scaling scanamer Karluk. The blind man tells fainey is is an old shipmate of captain Simins of the Karluk and desires to make his virus affects. The same of the same was a man a man abourd, and Rainey does so, in the cabin they find Captain Simins and a man named Carlsen. Simms recognizes the blind man, calling him Jim Land. Lumi accuses Simms of abandoning him, blind so an lee floe, and denounces him for what he calls his ingratitude. Simms danies the charge, but Lund refuses to be pacified. He declares his intention of secompanying the Karluk on its expedition north, where it is going in quest of a gold field which Lund has discovered. Peggy, Simms' daughter, is abourd, and defends her father. Carlsen, who is a physician, drugs Rainey.

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CELAPTER II.—Awaking from his stuper, Rainey finds himself at sea. Carisen
aforms him he has been kidnaped because, having learned the object of the
capedition, he might have divulged it and
frustrated the plans of the voyagers. He
caffers Rainey a share of the gold, and
hainey, seeing nothing else to be done,
declares himself satisfied. Laind gives
him a brief account of a former expedices of the Karluk, tells him he distrusts
Ogrisen, and suggests a "partnership."
hainey to act as Lund's "eyes."

"I can work my passage," said Bainey. He didn't trust the doctor, though he thought he'd play fair about the gold. But it was funny, his as

"Ah!" The doctor appeared to dismiss the subject with some relief.
"Well," he went on, "are you open to -and food? I'm sorry about your friends and folks ashore, but you're not the first prodigal who has some back with the fatted calf instead of hungry for it."

That part of it is all right," said Rainey. There was no help for the situation, save to make the most of R and the best. "But I'd like to ask you a question."

"Go ahead. Have a cigarette?" Rainey would rather have taken it from anyone else, but the whiff of burning tobacco, as Carlsen III up. gave him an irresistible craving for a smoke. Besides, it wouldn't do for the doctor to know he mistrusted him. If he was to be a part of the ship's life, there was small sense in acting pettishly. He took the cigarette, accepted the light, and inhaled grate-

"What's the question?" asked Cari-

"You weren't on the last trip. You weren't in on the original deal. But I and you doing all the talking, making me offers. You drugged me on your own impulse. Where's the skipper's How does he stand in this matter?"

"You're asking a good deal for an outsider, it seems to me. Rainey. I came to you partly as your doctor. But I speak for the captain and the crew. Don't worry about that."

"And Lund?" Rainey had gathered that the doctor resented Lund. Carlsen's eyes narrowed.

Lund will be taken care of," he said, and, for the life of him. Rainey could not judge the statement for threat or friendly promise. "As for my status, I expect to be Captain Simms' son-in-law as soon as the trip is over.

"All right," said Rainey, Carlsen's announcement surprised him. Somehow he could not place the girl as the doctor's fiancee.

He rose and bathed face and hands. Carlsen left the cabin. The main room was empty when Rainey entered, but there was a place set at the

The main cabin was well appointed in hardwood, with red cushions on the transoms and a creeping plant or so hanging here and there. chirped up and broke into rolling song. It was all homy, innocuous. Yet he had been drugged at the same table not so long before. And now he was pledged a share of ungathered gold. It was a far cry back to his desk in the

A Japanese entered, sturdy, of white-clad figure, deft, polite, incurious. He had brought in some ham and eggs, strong coffee, sliced canned peaches, bread and butter. He served as Rainey ate heartily, feeling his old self coming back with the food, especially with the coffee

"Thanks, Tamada," he said as he pushed saide his plate at last.

"Everything arright, sir?" purred the Japanese.

Rainey nodded. The "sir" was reassuring. He was accepted as a some-body aboard the Karluk. Tamada cleared away swiftly, and Rainey felt for his own cigarettes. Some one was smoring in a stateroom off the cabin, and he fancied by its volume it was

It was a divided ship's company, after all. For he knew that Lund, handicapped with his blindness, would live perpetually suspicious of Simms And the doctor was against Lund. Rainey's own position was a paradox.

He started for the companionway, and a slight sound made him turn, to face the girl. She looked at him casually as Rainey, to his annoyance.

"Good afternoon," said Rainey. "Are you going on deck?"

he seemed to rob him of wit, to an extent. He had set to know how she steed concerning his presence abourd. I'm she countenance the forcible kidcaping of him as a possible tartler?

"My father tells me you have deelded to go with us," she said, pleasently enough, but none too cordially,

"You have not been well. I hope you are better. Have you earen? Ruiney began to think that she was ignorant of the facts. And he made up his mind to brown them. "Thank you, I have," he said. "I

was going to look up Mr. Lund." The sentence covered a sudden

change of mind. He no longer wanted to go on deck with the girl. They wayee not to be intimuted. She was



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to marry Carlsen. He was an outalder. Carlsen had told him that. So she seemed to regard him, impersonally, without interest. It piqued him

"Mr. Lund is in the first mate's cabin," said the girl, indicating a door, "Mr. Bergstrom, who was mate, died at sea last yoyage. Doctor Carlson acts as navigator with my father, but he has another room."

She passed him and went on deck Carlsen was acting first mate as well as surgeon. That meant he had seamanship. Also that they had taken in no replacements, no other men to swell the little corporation of fortunehunters who knew the secret, or a part of it. It was unusual, but Rainey shrugged his shoulders and rapped on the door of the cabin.

It took loud knocking to waken Lund. At last he roared a "Come in." Rainey found him sented on the edge of his bunk, dressed in his underclothes, his glasses in place. Rainey wondered whether he slept in them. Lund's uncanny intuition seemed to rend the thoughts. He tapped the

"Hate to take them off," he said "Light hurts my eyes, though the optic nerve is dead. Seems to strike through. How're ye makin' out?"

"You know they drugged me," Rainey ended his recital of the interview he had had with the doctor.

"Knockout drops? I guessed it That doctor's slick. Well, you've not much fault to find, have ye? Carlsen talked sense. Here you are on the road to a fortune. I'll see yore share's a fair one. There's plenty. It ain't a bad billet you've fallen into, my lad. But I'll look out for ye. And Til need ye."

He lowered his voice mysteriously. "Yo're a writer, Mister Rainey, You've got brains, You can see which way a thing's heading. You've heard enough. I'm blind. I've bin done dirt once aboard the Karluk, and I don't alm to stand for it ag'in.

"I ain't got eyes. You have. Use 'em for both of us. I sin't asking ye to take sides, exactly. But I've got cause for bein' suspicious. I don't call the skipper 'Honest' Simms no more. And I ain't stuck on that doctor, He's too bossy. He's got the skipper under his thumb. And there's some thin' funny about the skipper. He ain't the same man. Mebbe it's his conscience. But that doctor's runnin'

"He's going to marry the captain's daughter," said Rainey. "Simms' daughter? Carlsen goin'

to marry her? Ump! That may account for the milk in the coconut." His face became crafty, and he reached out for Rainey's knee, found It as readily as if he had sight, and

tapped it for emphasis. "That makes all the more reason for us lookin' out for things, matey," he went on, almost in a whisper. "If they've played me once they may do And they've got the odds. settin' aside my eyes. But I can turn a trick or two. Stick to me, an' I'll

see you git yore whack. "I'll have yore bunk changed. Yer'll come in with me. An' we'll put one an' one together. We'll be mates. Don't forget they fixed yore grog. I had nothin' to do with that. I may be stranded, but, if the tide

He ser the clutch of his powerful

bruises there before the day was over "We two, matey," he said. "Now you an' me'll have a tot of stuff that

ain't doped." He moved about the little cabin with an astounding freedom and sure ness, chuckling as he bandled bottle and glasses and measured out the whisky and water.

"W'en yo're blind," he said, ramming his pipe full of black tobacco.

"they's other things comes to ye. 1 know the run of this ship, blindfold, you might say. I c'ud go aloft in a panch, or steer her. More grog?"

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Raines told I m what the girl had what the point problem

"I have my doubts whether they'll ever help and he said. "Wish I could. But it not be hard without my eyes. An' I've got he seximit at the book o' tables. It's too bad."

His disappointment seemed keen, and Rainey could not fathers it. Why had both Lund and Carlsen seemed to lay stress on this matter? Why was the doctor relieved and Lund disappointed at his ignorance?

CHAPTER III.

Target Practice,

The Karluk was an eighty five-ton schooner, Gioster Fisherman type, with a length of ninety and a beam of twenty-live feet. Her enormous stretch of canvas, spread to the limit on all possible occasions by Captain Simms, was offeet by the pendulum of lead that made up her keel, and she could slide through the seas at twelve knots on her best point of sailingreaching-the wind abaft her beam.

After Rainey had demonstrated at the wheel that he had the mastery of her and had shown that he possessed sea-legs, Captain Simms appointed him second mate.

"We don't carry one as a rule," the skipper said. "But it'll give you a rating and the right to eat in the He had not brought up the cabin." subject of Rainey's kidnaping, and Rainey let it go. There was no use arguing about the inevitable. The rating and the cabin fare seemed offered as an apology, and he was willing to accept it.

Carlsen acted as first mate, and Rainey had to acknowledge him efficient. He fancied the man must have been a ship's surgeon, and so picked up his seamanship. A sailor named Hansen was promoted to acting quartermaster, and relieved Rainey. sen spent most of his time attendant on the girl or chatting with the hunters. with whom he soon appeared on terms of intimacy.

The hunters esteemed themselves above the sailers, as they were, in intelligence and earning capacity.

There were six hunters and twelve sailors, outside of a general roustabout and butt named "Sandy," who cleaned up the forecastle and the hunters' quarters, where they messed apart, and helped Tamada, the cook, in the galley with his pots and dishes, "'Cordin' to the agreement." Lund

said to Rainey, "the gold's to be split into a hundred shares. One for each sallorman, an' they chip in for the boy. Two for the hunters, two for the cook, four for Bergstrom, the first mate, who died at sea. Twenty for 'ship's share.' Fifty shares to be split between Simms an' me." "What's the 'ship's share?" asked

Rainey. "Represents capital investment, Matter of fact, it belongs to the gal," said Lund. "Simms gave her the Karluk. It's in her name with the insurance.

"Then he and his daughter get forty-five shares, and you only twen-

"You got it right," grinned Lund. "Simms is no philanthropist. It wa'n't so easy for me to git enny one to go in with me, son. I ain't the first man to come trailin' in with news of a strike. An' I had nothin' to show for it. Matter of fact. Honest Simms was the only one who didn't laff at me outright.

(Continued next week)

Percy Neodles says that when he told the capitalist's daughter she was his foreordained guardian angel she said he probably had confused her with the ground hog.

LEGAL NOTICES

1st insertion March 3. 1922 3rd insertion March 17, 1922 STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

COUNTY OF BRYAN. N THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AND STATE Mrs. Emma Haynes. Plaintiff. VE.

Will E. Haynes, Defendant. No. 4982

State of Oklahoma to Will E. Haynes: You will take notice that you have been sued in the above named Court by the plaintiff. Emma Haynes, for a divorce, alimony and the custody fingers deep into Rainey's leg above of your two children; and you must the knee with a grip that left purple answer the petition filed therein by said plaintiff on or before the 15th day of April. A. D., 1922, or said petition will be taken as true and a judgment for said plaintiff as prayed for will be rendered accordingly.

> LACY GRIMES. Court Clerk of Bryan County, Okla. (Seal.)

Utterback & MacDonald. Attorneys for Plaintiff. 1-' insertion March 10th, 1922 10th insertion May 12th, 1922

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Is one the undersigned a notary public for said county and state perspiceored Marion Sims, Irby Lucas

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H. H. Loden, Notary Public Notary Pu Notary Pu Sept. 9th, 1922.

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Office of Compredier of the Currency
Washington, D. C. February 28, 1922,
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The American National Bank of Durant in the city of Durant in the county of Bryan and State of Oklahoma has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with hefore an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking:

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COUNTY OF BRYAN.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Cora Burton, Plaintiff.

Cora Burton, Plaintiff.

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State of Oklahoma to J. L. Ingram and M.

F. Ingram, Greeting:

Ven are hereby notified that on the 21st day of November, 1921 the above named

The State of Oklahoma to Auston Burton:

plainteff filed suit in the district court of Bryan County, Oklahoma in Cause No. 4885 on the docket of said court against A. J. Miles, J. L. Burran, M. E. Ingram, the Exchange Trust Company of Tules, Oklahoma and the Conservative Lean Company of Shawne Oklahoma to recover judgment against a Miles for the sam of \$662.75 with inter-at thereon at the rate of 10 percent per amount from June 1-t, 1921 and she turther sum of \$660,00 arteries for action of \$660,00 arteries for action to force of the latter for action of \$660,00 arteries.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO J. J.
HUGGINS:
The said J. J. Huggins will take notice that petitions have been filed in the County Court of Bryan County, Oklahoma, against him for an accounting as guardian of the above named minors, and said J. J. Huggins must answer the said petitions on or before the 13th day of April, 1922, or the petitions will be taken as true and a decree will be rendered for an accounting and fixing the amount due the said wards above named, and determining the liability of the said guardian and his sureties.

Court Clerk Bryan County, Oklahoma, W. H. Ritchey and Hatchett & Semple.

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You are hereby notified that you have been used by Cora Burton for divorce and custody of children on the grounds alundonment and non-support and you must answer the petition filed in the above cause on or before the 30th day of March 1922, or judgment will be rendered accordingly for divorce and custody of the children will be compared accordingly for divorce and custody of the children will be rendered accordingly for divorce and custody of the children will be compared accordingly for divorce and custody of the children will be compared to the children

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provements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging.

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Witness my hand this 8th day of February, 1922.

BUEL TAYLOR.

Sheriff of Bryan County, Oklahoms.

Sheriff of Bryan County, Oklahon
By Clyde Norman, Deputy.
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